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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Possible press involving the DEA [REDACTED] ICE informant issue
Importance: High

FYI- [REDACTED] call me when you get a chance and I can fill you in regarding this e-mail.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Possible press involving the DEA [REDACTED] ICE informant issue
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[REDACTED] please get this to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ASAP. I need to respond. Also please email [REDACTED] and tell her that she needs to remember to always copy you on matters [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Sent: [REDACTED]
Subject: Possible press involving the DEA [REDACTED] ICE informant issue

We just heard from [REDACTED] that the DEA SAC in [REDACTED] wrote a rather lengthy and inflammatory letter to the ICE SAC regarding the "mishandling of the [REDACTED] investigation that has resulted in unnecessary loss of human life in the Republic of Mexico and endangered the lives of [DEA agents]." [REDACTED] and I are getting a copy of the letter, as well as an ICE response. I am also speaking with [REDACTED] at 8 pm (CST) tonight on this matter. (he was driving and could not talk at length).

Please be aware that, according to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has reached out to get a copy of certain reports of interview of the CI in the investigation. The [REDACTED] Times apparently had enough information to ask for the report which states that the CI "supervised the murders" of certain individuals. [REDACTED] was not sure who was talking, but we are certainly concerned that there may be press, and there may be inquiries here in DC as well.

I have been unable to reach [REDACTED] at DEA to find out whether DEA HQ knew anything about the SAC's letter. I'd be surprised if HQ saw it, since, in our meeting on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] did not mention any letter and, in fact, said they were finalizing the reports of interview from the team that was looking into the matter. I will keep following up.

[REDACTED]: once I talk with [REDACTED] and get a better handle on what's going on in [REDACTED] I'd be happy to try to get you up to speed on whatever you may need, in case you need to have a statement prepared to respond to any

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inquiries. My sense is, we don't want to be saying much, since we don't have the facts yet. However, these are serious allegations between the agencies, including a Justice agency, so we may need to be ready to say something.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Possible press involving the DEA [REDACTED] CE Informant Issue

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DEA HQ officials were not aware of our el paso SAC's inexcusable letter until last evening -- although a copy of the letter first landed in the foreign operations section sometime the day before. The SAC did not tell anyone at HQ that he was contemplating such a letter, and did not discuss it or share it with HQ until we received the copy as noted above, well after it was sent.

I apologized to [REDACTED] last night and he and I agreed on a no comment to the press.

[REDACTED] Chief of Operations, notified the [REDACTED] SAC last night that he is not to speak to the press other than a no comment, that he is to desist writing anything regarding the [REDACTED] matter and related case and defer to the joint management and threat assessment teams out of HQ -- and he is to relay these directions to the rest of his [REDACTED] Division.

The SAC, who reports to [REDACTED] will be brought in next week for performance discussions to further address this officially.

On [REDACTED] DEA learned about ICE's plan to "lure" [REDACTED] into the US while they were notifying Deputy Chief of Mission Dickson about the evacuation of DEA personnel from CJ due to threats on DEA personnel by a [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] ICE lured [REDACTED] into [REDACTED] and arrested him. Immediately following his arrest, DEA contacted Deputy Attorney General [REDACTED]. DAG [REDACTED] assigned the PGR to begin preparing arrest warrant for [REDACTED]

It is anticipated that these warrant will be issued on [REDACTED]. Once these warrants are issued, then attempts will be made to apprehend [REDACTED]

ICE is currently meeting with DEA and providing a complete briefing on their investigation into [REDACTED]'s organization.